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Escape from Police Custody Review

For immediate release
Authorized by Chief Lowell

On the morning of Saturday January 27th, 2024, Mark Williams, 44, of Oneida was in custody at the Oneida Police Department for violating a court order.

While Williams was at the Oneida Police department he was in the presence of the arresting officer and was handcuffed to a bench during the arrest process. During the arrest processing the arresting officer left the room to retrieve a cup of water for Williams. The officer was out of the room for approximately 55 seconds. During that time Williams strained as he pried his hand out of the handcuff, he then left the police station.

Immediately upon the discovery that Williams was missing the police coordinated a search, which was made more complicated due to the fog that morning. The collaborative search efforts continued for Williams until he was located and taken into custody at about 8:51 am on Williams Street, in the downtown area of Oneida.

Community members played a crucial role by providing tips and information that assisted in Williams' capture.

Williams is being held at the Madison County Jail in lieu of cash bail, or bond on the charges of Criminal Contempt 2nd, Escape 3rd, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th.

No one was injured during this incident. The Oneida Police Department will be implementing enhanced protocols.

No further information will be released.

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